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MEMBERS URGED TO COPY
EXAMPLE OF THE SAVIOR
Resolutions Adopted at Revival
Meeting Held in Cosmopolitan
Baptist Church, Colored

Resolutions urging every Negro in the District, and the United States as well, to try to live as Christ would for the next thirty days were unanimously adopted at the great union revival meeting at the Cosmopolitan Temple Baptist Church, on N street near Ninth street northwest, last Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. Simon P. W. Drew is the pastor of the church.

These meetings began New Year's Eve and will continue for thirty days. Those who will be in charge of the various meetings are: Evangelist Rev. Dr. Simon P. W. Drew, Evangelist Rev. William Perry of New Jersey, Evangelist Rev. Dr. G. W. Bailey of New Jersey, Evangelist Rev. Dr. George H. Sims of New York, Evangelist Rev. Dr. Charles T. Walker of Augusta, Ga., better known as the Black Spurgeon of America, and the woman evangelist Mrs. Scott of Maryland.

Election of Trustees

At a recent meeting of the congregations the trustees for the ensuing year were elected as follows: William Warren, Robt. T. Moten, H. D. Johnson, W. H. Strothers and Randolph Cottrell.

The officers for the Sunday school for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. C. Blanche Drew; assistant superintendent, Chapman Walker; secretary, Mrs. Lizzie King; assistant secretary, Miss Francis Little; treasurer, Mrs. Eliza Little; librarian, Alonzo Little. Department superintendents—L. E. Brooks, senior department; advanced department, Rev. W. H. Ferris; junior department, Miss Hattie P. Ivey; intermediate department, Prof. W. A. Adams; primary department, Clarence Lyons; infant department, Miss Lucy Johnson; Cradle Roll department, Miss Caroline Roerts; pianist, W. A. Adams.

THOSE NEGRO MELODIES

From the New York Sun.

We are glad to note that some casual remarks of ours about the Howard University "rebellion" have stimulated a controversy. Possibly that controversy may lead to something like illumination. We ventured to remark, regarding the reported revolt of the colored students against the so-called "plantation melodies" that, although the music is usually very pretty and plaintive it is not Negro music at all, but in most instances was composed by white men to meet a purely imaginary situation and answer a purely maudlin tendency. Now we have communications of protest and denial, one correspondent writing to say that perfectly trustworthy persons have compiled Negro songs in large quantities, imparted to them by the Negroes themselves.

It seems to us, however, that the question goes further than that. Such men as Gottschalk and, later, Lafcadio Hearn, spent long months in New Orleans hearing these queer melodies "from the Negroes themselves." Both of them in their different ways consorted with the custodians of the so-called Congo music and imbibed it thoroughly. They attended the annual voodoo celebrations near the mouth of Bayou St. John, where the wild chants were to be heard in their perfection, and where Marie Laveau, the queen, presided to maintain the ancient traditions and control the ancient songs. They heard the crooning Negro nurses with their inherited cradle songs, "Deux Canards," "Le Crocodile"—a hundred others. They went into the question deeply, Gottschalk as a composer and inspired musician, Lafcadio Hearn as a poet and a patient student. But Gottschalk wrote the "Bamboula" and other barbaric extravaganzas without believing he had ever heard a "Congo melody"—a conviction since confirmed by much more enlightened inquirers who are also qualified musicians—and Hearn frankly abandoned his quest after

years of inquisition and sailed away to the West Indies, immovably persuaded that there was no "African music" and that he had heard nothing but adaptations more or less savage.

The explanation is simple enough. Two centuries ago, and from that time on, the slaves in Santo Domingo, Haiti, Louisiana and so on, always enamored of music, and filled with their primeval passions, would hear the French and Spanish inmates of the "big house" making their own melodies, some sweet and some fantastic, through the open windows. The African heart is the slave of music, more than the African himself has ever been the slave of any purchaser or inheritor. The servants heard this music, translated it according to their various moods of despair or gayety, filtered it through their understandings, and the result today is visible in the so-called "Congo songs," whether of kindness or complaint or vengeance. The words amount to nothing. They are supplied out of the circumstances in each case. "Said the blackbird to the crow," "Humbuggy aragy," "Old Joe kickin' up behind and befo," all these indicate nothing of real importance. It is the melody that always counts, and in not a single authenticated instance has this melody emanated from any African source.

NEW YEAR DREAMS

Thomas L. Jones was sent to Liberia.

A. W. Scott, prosecuting attorney. Joseph H. Stewart had his hair cut and mustache trimmed.

Thomas Walker and J. F. Bundy purchased ten more houses.

James Harry Smith more civil cases than he can manage.

John A. Morse a new Dunlap.

Wm. L. Pollard, Royal Hughes and John F. Collins married to a fortune.

Dr. Sam. M. Pierce purchased an automobile.

L. M. King, elected National Exalted Ruler of the Pythians.

E. M. Hewlitt municipal judge.

W. C. Marton, district grand master of the Odd Fellows.

James O. Holmes the purchaser of the New Willard Hotel.

J. T. Layton an increased salary and director of music of the Negro Exposition in 1913.

Booker T. Washington a member of Taft's Cabinet.

W. Sidney Pittman, supervising architect at a salary of ten thousand per.

Wm. A. Bowie, a salaried officer of the Lincoln Memorial Building Association.

The Washington Bee a daily.

John C. Dancy reappointed recorder of deeds for four more terms.

James A. Cobb, married to a wealthy widow.

Supt. Roscoe C. Bruce has returned to the city from Kentucky where he went to deliver an address.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

The new commissioners appoint a colored American to a representative place.

Tax Collector Rodgers remains where he is.

Paymaster Wilson promoted.

Assessor Richards commended for his good work.

Sidney Bieber select a stronger man for appointment the next time.

Social vampires given a back seat.

Bob Douglass, president of the Monacans.

Jerome A. Johnson organize the Washingtonians.

Miss Lucy Morton was given a wreath of gold.

Nelson E. Weatherless, promoted.

More men like Supervising Principal Jackson and Montgomery.

Tattlers dismissed from the public schools.

For his good work in the schools.

Prof. John T. Porter given credit.

Miss Julia M. Layton appointed assistant truant officer.

Everybody happy during the entire New Year.

DID YOU EVER THINK

That a salaried man ever had a penny after pay day.

That a fool would ever be appointed a municipal judge.

That a colored American would be sent to the Court of St. James.



JUSTICE ROBERT H. TERRELL. REAPPOINTED

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Miss Gonia B. Maxfield

May good fortune prosper you this year, 1910 in all you do, and you in return prove true.

The new double track bridge of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad across the Susquehanna river 7,000 feet long, and costing about \$2,500,000 is now open for traffic. It was begun May 9, 1907, and completed January 3, 1910. During the construction 17 men were killed and 85 injured.

It is said that about 5,000 Negro enumerators will be employed to take the census, and 4,000 will be used in the South.

Census Director Duran says "Negroes doubtless can obtain the information required from their race more accurately than white enumerators."

Americans have been taught in Cuba that all blacks and whites are on a plane of absolute equality. An American House Hotel Plaza refused to serve two Negro Congressmen drinks. This resulted in a riot. The clerk of the hotel was fined seventy dollars in court.

That the Indians should be taught how to use the land, and produce from it a livelihood for himself and family is one of the main recommendations Commissioner Valentine, made in his report, and that the Red Man should have the same laws as to marriage and divorce as his white brother.

It is rumored that Dr. Frederick Cook is very ill, in some remote corner of Europe, and that despite the verdict of the Copenhagen University, he will prove that he reached the North pole.

A report of the State auditor shows that the Negro race in Virginia owns in personal and real property \$13,000,000. Richmond comes first in the estimate, Norfolk second, and Petersburg third. There are eight banks owned by Negroes and five insurance companies.

Mr. Maxwell Hayson, one of the coming American poets contributed to the January issue of "The 20th Century Magazine" an article entitled "The Arena."

In an article written by Jesse E. Moorland, one of the International Secretaries, of the Y. M. C. A., in charge of the colored department, says that the Association owns twenty-one buildings in the U. S., valued at \$240,000. There are twenty-eight paid secretaries, two of whom are employed at Tuskegee Institute and Howard University respectively.

It is said that all letter carriers in clarksville, Tenn., are Negroes. Clarksville is a city of about 12,000 people and there is no friction between the races. This they say is

the only town or city in the country where letter carriers are exclusively Negroes.

Dr. Ludwig Mond's magnificent collection of old Italian Master's formed under the advice of the eminent critic, Dr. Richter has been left to the National Gallery in London. The value of the collection is estimated at \$1,000,000.

A French inventor announces he has achieved Telenesia, M. Georges Rignorix, has made an apparatus by means of which it is said, one may see the person to whom one is telephoning at a distance.

Mr. Wilfred Stevens, of Minn., translator in the service of the United States, has a working knowledge of twenty-odd languages and can converse in as many dialects of various other tongues as may be demanded of him.

North Carolina has 312 cotton, woolen and silk mills, with 3,143,511 spindlers, 55,692 looms and 55,128 employees, of whom 23,358 are females.

A monument of imposing beauty is being built in North Carolina near Mount Airy, over the grave of a noted officer in the Federal army. Gen. Reynolds, who was shot from his horse during the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. The monument is being erected in sections and the sculpture work will cost \$150,000.

The Alexandria Gazette, the only daily paper published in Alexandria, is one hundred and eleven years old.

The nineteenth annual session of the Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held at Tuskegee Institute, February 20, 1910. The Conference is composed mostly of those interested in the educational moral and civic uplift of the Negroes.

MASONIC NOTES

Blue Lodges

At a meeting of St. John's Chapter No. 12, the following officers were elected and installed:

Wm. H. Burke—W. M.
John E. Rattley—S. W.
O. H. Smith—J. W.
R. C. Hill—Treasurer.
N. Robinson—Secretary.

Appointed Officers:

C. W. Comer—S. W.
R. H. Perrin—J. W.
W. W. Mason—S. M. C.
Frank Johnson—J. M. C.
G. C. Sudler—S. S.
H. Hardy—J. S.
L. Ingram—Chaplain.
A. H. West—Marshal.
A. A. S. Rite

Richard H. Gleaves Assembly, No. 2, Order of the Golden Circle

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Lella A. Pendleton—Loyal Lady Ruler.
Jennie L. Cox—Asso. Loyal Lady Ruler.

Beatrice Richardson—Priestess
Mayme Stewart—Secretary.
Francis St. James—Tr.

Jennie Cabannis—Guide.
Sarah Young—Steward Bearer.
Margaret—Steward Herald
Gates—Inner Guard.
Daisy Roberts—Outer Guard.

The 16th annual meeting of the Masonic Building Association was held Thursday, December 23rd, and was largely attended by the stock holders.

The report of the auditor was read and approved. After which the following officers were elected:

Bro. Henry Coleman—president.
George Webster—vice president.
Eugene Brooks—Tr.
N. E. Wetheress—financial sec.
John E. Turner—corresponding secretary.

W. H. Myers—auditor.

Board of Directors:

L. C. Baily, W. H. Judd Malvin, W. H. Grimsbrow, Wm. M. George, Rev. W. Warfield, Peter Walker, Mrs. E. W. Marshall, and L. H. Wayne.

Grand Lodge—Officers—1910

M. W. M., H. E. Wetherless—Gr.

Master.
R. W., Wm. Brown—Jr. Gr. Warder.

R. W., J. Thomas Tascal—Sen. Gr. Warder.

R. W., Henry Coleman—Gr. Tr.

R. W., Wm. H. Myers—Gr. Secretary.

R. W., Shelton Muller—Gr. Chaplain.

R. W., John E. Smith—Gr. Lecturer.

R. W. Primus Simmons—Gr. Marshall.

R. W., Joseph H. Rapier—Asst. Gr. Marshall.

R. W., E. L. Conway—Sen. Gr. Steward.

R. W., R. W. Pinkett—Jr. Gr. Steward.

R. W., Walter J. Abrams, Sen. Gr. Deacon.

R. W., Chas. Young—Jr. Gr. Deacon.

R. W., A. H. West—Gr. Pursuivant.

R. W., H. C. Irving—Gr. Teller.

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Galbraith Church

ANNUAL REVIVAL OF GALBRAITH CHURCH
1910 Resolutions

The usual Watch-night devotional service was held at Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church on 6th St., northwest last Friday night. The church was filled to its capacity, while a large number could not be accommodated. The meeting was a great overflow service held in the auditorium and chapel. Rev. S. L. Corrothers was in charge. His review of the work of the past year was full of interest. He told of the large number that was saved and that came into the church, professing a hope in Christ, of the faithful members who passed over Jordan and into the unveiled beyond. He referred to the church, the cooperation of the various departments and the pleasant relations between pastor and people, not only during the twelve months of the year just closed, but during the whole of his administration at Galbraith for the past seven and a half years. He said "This great Prayer and Praise Service is so near the birthday of the Saviour of the world, the founder of the Christian Church until the Child of God by faith can still hear the angelic chorus and see the star in the East, hear the shouts of the Shepherds and Simeon and Anna in the temple." This service was one that left a lasting impression on the great audience.

The music of the choir and the congregational singing was full of the spirit and swept the hearts and minds of all heavenward. With this service the annual revival meeting began and will run through several weeks of the New Year. A great harvest of souls is expected. Many notable divines are to assist Dr. Corrothers in his great revival of this year. Among them will be Bishops Warner, Smith and others.

The congregation renewed its vows, 1910 resolutions were made. Galbraith will move on a united Galbraith. The pastor will stand by his flock and their leader be, and together they will work to save men and women and to add to the sum of human happiness.

The Interdenominational Colored Preachers' Union of this city will eat their annual dinner at the residence of Rt. Rev. Bishop J. W. Smith, D. D., 1309 R street, n. w., on Tuesday, January 11, 1910. The program will be an elaborate one. Many of the pastors of the Philadelphia and Baltimore and the Virginia Conferences will be present and the occasion will be a great social event. Members of all the different industrial associations are invited.

THEY SAY

That Dorothy Dare will soon suggest a colored four hundred limited to those drawing a salary not less than \$1,600 a year as clerks.

That the jealous man or woman will often speak ill of the successful one.

That the other candidates for the municipal judgeship will file their papers later.

That President Taft will designate the kind of work he wants colored Americans to have.

That Booker T. Washington will be appointed Director-General of the Negroes' world's Exposition.

That small fry correspondents will not be appointed on the commission either.

That no more banquets will take place soon.

That the driver of one of the Commissioners' wagons will dictate colored society.

That Bookmakers often lose their gold and reputation.

That Bob Douglass is a level-headed individual.

IT IS RUMORED

That Attorney Thomas L. Jones has decided to remain in the United States.

That a foreign mission would not justify his giving up his large law practice.

That the man who preferred charges against Judges Terrell is name Dennis.



Judge Samuel Mills, Not Reappointed

ADDRESS BY JAMES H. HAYES

The well known attorney, Jas. H. Hayes of Richmond, Va., addressed the Bethel Literary last Tuesday evening, subject, "Pictures on the Wall." Attorney Hayes was greeted by a large audience and his address was most favorably received. Mr. Hayes is a forcible and eloquent speaker, and his subject was most eloquently and logically handled. Mrs. Jessie Kink Neill, a soprano soloist of some merit furnished the music.

SECOND BAPTIST LYCEUM

Tomorrow afternoon at the Second Baptist Church lyceum, Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, of Atlanta, Ga., will deliver an address. He will be introduced by Mr. W. Calvin Chase. Special music has been arranged. Exercises will begin at 3:30 p. m.

Lieut. R. E. Toony, president of the lyceum.

CHRISTMAS TREE CATCHES FIRE

The burning of a Christmas tree last Monday evening in the house of Dr. E. D. Wilston, 1507 S street, northwest, caused damages estimated at \$25. A lighted candle came in contact with the decorations and caused the blaze. Firemen hurried to the house in response to an alarm from box 249.